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A New Subspecies of Blister Beetle (Coleoptera, Meloidae) from the Ryukyu Archipelago

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Abstract A new subspecies of *Zonitis cothurnata* MARSEUL, 1873 (Coleoptera, Meloidae) is described from the Ryukyu Islands.

For preparing the volume III of Hoikusha's "The Coleoptera of Japan in Color", the author was compelled to describe a new taxon of the coleopterous family Meloidae from the Island of Amami-Oshima, the Ryukyus. The specimen was offered by Mr. Taichi SHIBATA, to whom the author expresses his sincere gratitude.

Zonitis cothurnata shibatai subsp. nov.

Distinguished from nominotypical *cothurnata* MARSEUL, 1873, from Japan by the following points: 1) Dark coloured parts on elytra, antennae, and legs more distinct, broad, and blackish; 2) punctures on head, pronotum and elytra larger, coarser, denser and stronger.

Length: 15.8 mm; width: 4.8 mm.

Holotype: ♂, Ashiken, Amami-Oshima, Ryukyus, 4. vii. 1975, K. KUZUGAMI lgt.

Distr.: Ryukyu Islands (Amami group).

The holotype is preserved in the collection of the National Science Museum, Tokyo.

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